

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected. The rejection of Claims 10-17 and 19-21 is reversed in the Decision on Appeal decided September 9, 2009.

To expedite allowance of the case, Applicants have canceled claims 1-9. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Based upon the Board's reversal of the rejection of claims 10-17 and 19-21, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 10-17 and 19-21 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 338-9100.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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